

SERENADE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A 55+ Community

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October 2022

CALENDAR:

- Oct. 20-22 Serenade Community Garage Sale
- Oct. 31 Serenade Community Block Party
- Nov. 16 Serenade ACC Community Meeting
- Dec. 31 “Progressive” Holiday Party, 1pm to midnight, 3 different homes

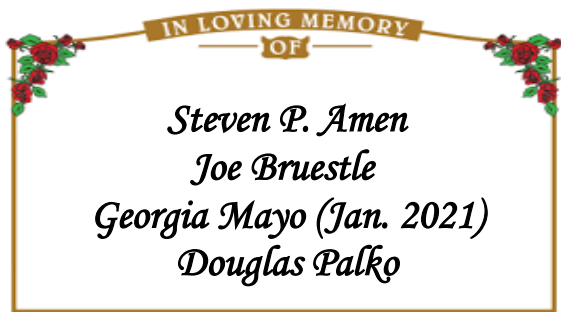
Serenade Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Meeting: Wed., November 16 at 2:00 pm at the Sun City Library. All residents in the Serenade Community are invited. We discuss issues vital to the future of our community, and every member of the Serenade Community has the right to vote for proposals made.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

*Tom McVeters
Eddie and Millie Nelson*

Have you moved in in the last year? Let us know so that we can welcome you here.

IN MEMORIAM: Our deepest sympathies to our neighbors who have lost a loved one.



If you have lost a loved one or know of a neighbor who has passed, please let us know and we will honor them here.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

Dear Serenade Neighbors,

I would like to begin by expressing thanks to Jane and all the volunteers who help create and distribute this newsletter. I think it is important to the community and provides a convenient way to convey important news as well as fun and interesting happenings within Serenade.

We are pleased to be able to hold our first ACC community meeting since the Covid shutdown, scheduled for Nov. 16, 2pm. All residents in the Serenade Community are invited. We discuss issues vital to the future of our community, and every member of the Serenade Community has the right to vote for proposals made.

An election for the purpose of selecting new officers for the ACC will be scheduled for early next year. We will be seeking volunteers interested in running for the positions of Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, there will be sign-up sheets at the November ACC

meeting, OR, send us your contact information, along with the position you are interested in, to: SerenadeACC@gmail.com. The time and details of the election will be forthcoming shortly.

Although we have had no public meetings for some time due to Covid and the unavailability of our previous meeting location, we have continued to do periodic neighborhood inspections as well as respond to complaints and various issues that arise. We can be reached at the abovementioned email address should you have complaints or questions.

Last but not least, thank you to everyone who has sent in donations in the past. They are appreciated and used exclusively for necessary expenses that occasionally arise in running and maintaining the ACC.

Jack Roy, Chairperson, Serenade ACC

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Community Garage Sale: Oct. 20, 21, 22, Th-Sat, 8am-2pm. We will post it in the local newspaper, online in Menifee 24/7, and with our A-frame road signs. We usually have lots of good traffic, especially early on Thursday. If you have items but cannot manage in your own driveway, or need help setting up, let us know. We ask that each home that participates donates \$5 to support Serenade ACC.

Fall/Halloween Party – Oct. 31, 1-5pm. 27228-27242 Terrytown Rd (at Lake Forest). Please bring light snacks and BYOB. Water, tea, coffee, lemonade provided. Costumes optional!

PROGRESSIVE NEW YEAR’S PARTY! Dec. 31. Party all day from house to house, or come to just one location. Join with friends and enjoy good conversations to welcome the New Year! Water, lemonade, coffee, and tea provided.

- 1-4pm. Potluck – bring your favorite side dish or dessert. 27215 Terrytown Rd, Jane (928)920-1228
- 5-8pm. **Would someone like to host??**
- 8pm-12am. Bring light snacks, BYOB. Music & dancing, 29350 Lake Forest, Karen (951)750-9200

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES: Everyone who has signed up has received an invitation to each club’s FIRST MEETING, all scheduled for October, at Clubs Coordinator Jane DeLaurier’s home, so please come! If you’re interested in joining a club, email Jane at SerenadeClubs55@gmail.com or call or text her at (928) 920-1228: Bible study, bicycling, bingo, birding/nature walks, book club, bunco, camping/RV, chess, Serenade chorus (inc. Xmas carols), creative writing, dogs/dog-walking, Good Samaritans, Hand & Foot, holiday crafts, line-dancing (country or heart and soul), Neighborhood

Watch Block Captains, pinochle/euchre, playing music, poker, sewing/knitting/quilting/crocheting, veterans, and walking. By the way, *someone turned in a form with no name or contact info* (signed up for Hand & Foot, Good Samaritans, Bible study, and more). If that's you, *please contact Jane*.

BIBLE STUDY: A women's group meets Thursdays at 9am; call Pandy (951)447-9309. Is there already another group? We also have men who want to participate. Please contact Jane (928) 920-1228.

GOOD SAMARITANS: This is a club for folks who would enjoy helping our neighbors in Serenade who have needs. You decide how you can help: helping around the house or yard, giving an occasional local ride to someone, picking fruit, or becoming a Neighborhood Watch Block Captains to check in on 6 or so neighbors close by. So, if you could use a little help, or if you enjoy being of service, let us know. Whether you need help or can offer help, it's a great way to make some friends! We can also connect folks with TRIP, a volunteer driver service in Riverside County.

ALL RESIDENTS, NEW OR OTHERWISE: Because we follow our CC&Rs, our *property values* remain high. You should have received a copy of the Serenade CC&Rs from your escrow company or real estate agent. If you did not receive one or need to replace a lost one, please email us at SerenadeACC@gmail.com or send a letter to: Serenade ACC, P.O. Box 2324, Sun City, CA 92586.

DONATIONS AND SUPPORT: We residents pay no dues, but Serenade still must bear the costs of maintaining the benefits that we enjoy of a 55+ community. We always need your donations to make sure we keep our 55+ status and in support of our CC&Rs. ANY amount is appreciated to cover expenses such as: meeting room rent, P.O. box rental, postage, tax services, newsletter printing, office supplies, and attorney fees. Please make checks payable to: Serenade ACC, P.O. Box 2324, Menifee, CA 92586.

WEBSITE: The website for Serenade is still on hold. Once it is available, you will find updates on meeting and party dates, photos from our events, previous newsletters, and more. You'll be able to reach it on your computer, tablet, or cellphone. Also, if you have old or new photos (print or digital) of Serenade events that others might view, please contact us.

ITEMS THAT SERENADE OWNERS MAY BORROW, at no cost. By the day: 6 or 8 ft. rectangle tables, folding chairs, card tables, ice chests, chafers. Medical equipment/supplies on a short-term basis: Walker, wheelchair, crutches, bedside commodes, bed/chair movement alarms pads, monitors, call buttons, nebulizer, blood pressure cuff, diabetic test kit, O2 meter stethoscope. Karen (951) 750-9200.

NEWSLETTER: We produce the newsletter in both paper and digital form, and we really need 3-4 more volunteers to deliver the paper to all 314 homes in Serenade. Please help! Also, if you would like access to the digital version, please email: SerenadeClubs55@gmail.com.

WHERE'S THE DRAIN? *[This is a 2011 article that we believe bears reprinting.]* One of our neighbors told of a costly and stressful experience that we thought to pass on to our residents. The homeowner experienced water leakage from the air conditioner/heater closet of their Serenade home. The residents live in a "model 3" (2nd largest of the 4 Serenade models) where the closet is at the end of the long hallway across from the master bedroom. The water leakage was due to a clogged pipe that delivers condensation from the air conditioner to the outside of the home. The amount of water that backed up and leaked was enough to cause the flooring in the hallway to buckle and needed to be replaced. Damage was also done to drywall and baseboards. For a professional (or a layperson, for that matter), the clogged pipe seemed like a fairly routine issue to remedy. However, in this case, even the professional was baffled because there was no finding where the pipe drained out to. It seems that the pipe was buried underneath or next to the cement when the RV pad was poured. Most likely, the pipe is below the foundation level and cement is poured against the stucco, so the pipe is not visible. The professional was able to clear the clogged pipe, but to prevent a recurrence, the owner installed a pump in the closet which is attached to the air conditioner condensation drainpipe. When condensation builds up, the pump will drain the water into the washing machine drain.

We have spoken with many of our neighbors and have found different experiences. Several residents have previously dealt with this issue or something similar. Serenade was built in several phases and each phase has differences. On some homes, the pipe is visible above the foundation or cement pad, or may exit through the stucco wall and the location may be dependent on which model you have. If you wish to share your knowledge with regard to this problem, please email us.

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